

Questions from Commissioner Barry Trutor concerning Infant Burials at Lakeview Cemetery
Posed at May 12, 2016 Cemetery Commission Meeting

1. Section and Lot?

- ◆ 1981-1998: Section 4, Lot 33
- ◆ 1999-2015: Section 5, Lot 325

2. Do lots have markers?

- ◆ Yes

3. What is reason we are out of space?

- ◆ The Cemetery allows up to 6 urn burials per single-grave lot. We have managed to fit 16 in the 2-grave lot in Section 5, which is more than we normally allow. There is no space left in this lot.

4. How many fetal remains can be buried in a plot?

- ◆ The Cemetery is not informed of the number of individual infants whose cremains are included in the box that is interred each year. Again, The Cemetery allows up to 6 urn burials per single-grave lot.

5. What form does the burial container take?

- ◆ Dimensions have not been recorded every year, but at least for a few years it has been a box 27"x9"x12".

6. What is involved in the burial?

- ◆ Tent is set up at no charge (current charge=\$150); the usual urn burial routine (chairs provided at no charge, hole dug, greens cover dirt, table set up for urn, shovel provided in case people want to follow the tradition of placing a shovelful of dirt in the grave).

7. Who prepared the plot?

- ◆ Cemetery staff members are the only ones authorized and responsible to dig graves and prepare the site for every burial done in City-owned cemeteries.

8. How much does that cost?

- ◆ Current charge for urn burials: \$500 Monday-Friday until 2:00 pm; \$700 Saturdays & Holidays until 2:00 pm; \$100/hour extra after 2:00 pm. Burials have been at no charge since 2006.

9. What are the requirements for personnel on burial day?

- ◆ Staff needs to be present to direct people to the lot, open the office if anyone needs to use the rest room, stand by during the burial, then fill the hole and put away supplies after people leave.



10. Saturday is overtime?

- ◆ Yes.

11. Tent? Chairs?

- ◆ Yes.

12. What is the total expense for what we have been providing?

- ◆ The last burial was Thursday, August 5, 2015 at 4:00 pm. The standard charge would be \$500 plus \$200 overtime, plus \$150 for tent: \$850.

13. Are the parents invited?

- ◆ The Cemetery is not involved with invitations to burials.

14. Is the public invited?

- ◆ The Cemetery is not involved with invitations to burials.

15. How much for a new lot?

- ◆ The current price is \$700 for a single-grave lot.